



# La Barranca Fire Update

Date: June 3, 2006, 6 p.m.

**La Barranca Fire Contact Numbers:** 928-204-6538, 928-606-7490, 928-606-7561, 928-606-7578  
**Website:** [www.nazteam.com](http://www.nazteam.com) or [www.az211.gov](http://www.az211.gov)

**Fire Name:** La Barranca Fire

**Time/Date Started:** Thursday, June 1, 2006 – 2 p.m.

**Location:** Oak Creek Village; The La Barranca Fire started on La Barranca Drive in the Village of Oak Creek, south of Sedona and east of Highway 179. The fire started on private property and moved onto the Red Rock Ranger District of the Coconino National Forest. It burned into the Munds Mountain Wilderness. It is about 6 miles south of Sedona.

**Cause:** Human-caused. The La Barranca Fire was caused by a fence company that was grinding on a metal fence post on private property.

**Fuels:** Grass, brush, pinyon-juniper woodland

**Size:** Total Size – 836 acres

**% Contained:** 90 %

**Estimated Containment Date:** 6 p.m., June 5

**Resources Committed:** 8 Type 1 crews (hotshot crews), 7 Type 2 crews, 4 helicopters (1 heavy, 2 medium, 1 light), airtankers available if needed, 10 engines, 3 water tenders. Total personnel = approx. 500 personnel assigned

**Estimated Cost to Date:** \$1,200,000

**Predicted Weather:** Hot and dry conditions are expected to continue well into next week.

## **Structures:**

Structures have been lost:

- 1 primary residence destroyed

- 1 partially-damaged residence

- 1 guest house/shop destroyed

- 3 outbuildings destroyed

From Estate Circle up canyon in the fire area, 158 total structures were saved.

**Evacuations:** The evacuation order for the Pine Valley subdivision was lifted today at noon. Residents were allowed to return to their homes. The Yavapai County Sheriff's Department is managing access into the area until 7 p.m. tomorrow when all road closures will be lifted. Pine Valley residents are being asked to use caution given that firefighters and equipment are still working in the area.

**Summary:** There have been no injuries to date on this fire. Today, the fire showed minimal activity around its perimeter. Steep and rough terrain are still posing some problems for firefighters as they continue to mop up. During mop up operations, firefighters seek out and extinguish any remaining hot spots in the fire area. Tonight, engines will patrol the Pine Valley subdivision. Tomorrow, firefighters will continue to mop up and patrol. Fire resources that are no longer needed will be released from the fire.

**Closures:**

Trails closed – Woods Canyon, Jacks Canyon, Hot Loop, Munds Mountain

Roads closed – The section of Schnebly Hill Road from I-17 to the gate at Merry-Go-Round

At 7 p.m. tomorrow, road closures will be lifted. Three trails will remain closed: Jacks Canyon, Hot Loop and Munds Mountain.

**Restrictions:** As fire danger increases, additional fire restrictions go into effect on the Coconino National Forest Monday, June 5, 2006, at 8 a.m., prohibiting activities which could cause a wildfire.

- Campfires—including charcoal fires—are prohibited in all areas, including developed campgrounds. Pressurized liquid or gas stoves, lanterns and heaters are allowed.
- Operating a chainsaw is prohibited between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. These restrictions apply to both personal use with a firewood permit and commercial operations.

Also prohibited:

- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, or developed recreation site.
- Welding.
- Using an explosive.
- Operating any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arrester.
- Operating a motor vehicle off National Forest System roads, except when parking in an area cleared of vegetation, and except in the Cinder Hills Off-Highway Vehicle Area north of Flagstaff.
- Fireworks are always prohibited on national forest lands.

Violations are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. These restrictions will remain in place until enough precipitation falls to decrease fire danger. For further information about fire restrictions on the Coconino National Forest, visit [www.coconinoforest.us](http://www.coconinoforest.us) or call 928-527-3600. The latest fire restriction information on public lands across Arizona can be found at [www.azfireinfo.com](http://www.azfireinfo.com) and <http://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc/> or by calling toll-free 1-877-864-6985.

**La Barranca Fire Contact Numbers: 928-204-6538, 928-606-7490, 928-606-7561, 928-606-7578**